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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MAYOR OF CHARLOTTESVILLE TO POGGIO A
CAINO

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1. HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT VISIT WITH POGGIO A CAIANO MAYOR
PEZZATTI AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF PRATO AND ALL CONCERNED
ARE PLEASED THAT MAYOR O'BRIEN AND MESSRS. FISCHER, FIFE AND
GLEASON WILL BE ABLE VISIT THEIR TWO CITIES. THESE OFFICIALS
SUGGEST MAYOR AND PARTY ARRIVE FLORENCE AFTERNOON MAY TWO AND
DEPART MORNING MAY FIVE LEAVING TWO FULL DAYS FOR APPROPRIATE
VISITS, LUNCHESES, DINNERS AND CEREMONIES.

2. HINTED DESIRABILITY HOSPITALITY BUT RECEIVED NO FIRM
REPLY. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT POGGIO A CAIANO AND PRATO
DELEGATIONS PAID THEIR OWN BILLS IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, THEREFORE
DID NOT PUSH THIS IDEA. HOWEVER, I WOULD GUESS THAT THIS
MAY EVENTUALLY BE ARRANGED.

3. CONSULATE QUITE WILLING RECEIVE GIFTS EITHER VIA POUCH OR
APO. IF GIFTS SENT APO, SUGGEST USING SAM OR PAL PROCEDURE TO
INSURE AIRMAIL DELIVERY. IF FEASIBLE, PREFER POUCH. MINIMUM
THREE WEEKS REQUIRED EITHER VIA POUCH OR APO. APO ADDRESS IS:
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4. REGARDING STAINED GLASS WINDOW, I HESITATED SUGGEST THIS

AS POGGIO A CAIANO/PRATO GIFT SINCE I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST
IDEA WHAT SUCH AN ITEM WOULD COST. HOWEVER, I INFORMED
PEZZATTI THAT CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTESVILLE VERY MUCH DESIRED

OBTAIN REPLACEMENT WINDOW FOR HISTORIC CHURCH AND THAT WE WOULD BE SEEKING THEIR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING APPROPRIATE ITALIAN SOURCE IN PRATO/FLORENCE AREA. I HOPE I PLANTED SEED BUT AM NOT SURE.

5. PEZZATTI AND I HOPE DELEGATION WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY SEE SOME OF FLORENCE DURING THEIR VISIT AND PEZZATTI AGREED FURNISH NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION, DRIVER AND INTERPRETER. WILL AWAIT TAKING FURTHER SUGGESTIONS UNTIL POGGIO A CAIANO/OPRATO OFFICIALS HAVE OPPORTUNITY COME UP WITH PROPOSED PROGRAM.

6. IN ANY CASE, IT IS NOW APPROPRIATE FOR INTRODUCTION CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE VISIT AT TIME SUGGESTED.

7. PLEASE ADVISE IF DR. O'BRIEN ACCOMPANYING MAYOR TO POGGIO A CAIANO/PRATO.

8. THERE ARE TWENTY (20) MEMBERS ON POGGIO A CAIANO CITY COUNCIL AND FIFTY (50) MEMBERS ON PRATO CITY COUNCIL. THE CITY GOVERNMENT (GIUNTA) WHICH IS MADE UP OF SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL HAS SEVEN (7) MEMBERS IN POGGIO A CAIANO AND THIRTEEN (13) IN PRATO. THE 13-MEMBER PRATO GOVERNMENT IS MADE UP OF 9 COMMUNISTS AND 4 SOCIALISTS. THE MAYOR IS A COMMUNIST AND THE VICE MAYOR A SOCIALIST. HOWEVER, MOST ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRATO VISIT WILL BE MADE BY PIETRO VESTRI (SOCIALIST), PRESIDENT OF THE PRATO TOURIST BUREAU AND WHO ACCOMPANIED GROUP TO CHARLOTTESVILLE. THE 7-MEMBER POGGIO A CAIANO GOVERNMENT IS MADE UP OF 4 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND 3 UNCLASSIFIED

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INDEPENDENTS OF THE CENTER. MAYOR PEZZATTI IS A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT AND IS ALSO A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM THIS AREA.

9. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT ENTIRE DELEGATION FROM POGGIO A CAIANO AND PRATO WAS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THIS GROUP THAT WILL BE IN CHARGE OF CHARLOTTESVILLE VISIT. GORDON

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